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Officer Jimmy "Leebo" Duke makes his final stop at Elba PD

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Elba Police Officer Jimmy Lee "Leebo" Duke made his final stop at the Elba Police Department Monday, June 10, as a hearse from a funeral home in Greenville, Alabama carrying the officer's body stopped in front of the police station for several minutes.

This was part of a planned escort for Duke, led by Elba Police, from Dothan, Alabama to his hometown of Greenville. He had died Sunday, June 9, at a Dothan hospital following a lengthy illness.

Monday's escort included officers from the Elba Police Department, New Brockton Police, Coffee County Sheriff's Department, and more, as well as, first responders from Elba, Kinston, and New Brockton.

Officer Duke began working with the Elba Police Department in September 2011 and was still a member of the department at the time of his death last weekend. He also began serving as police chief for

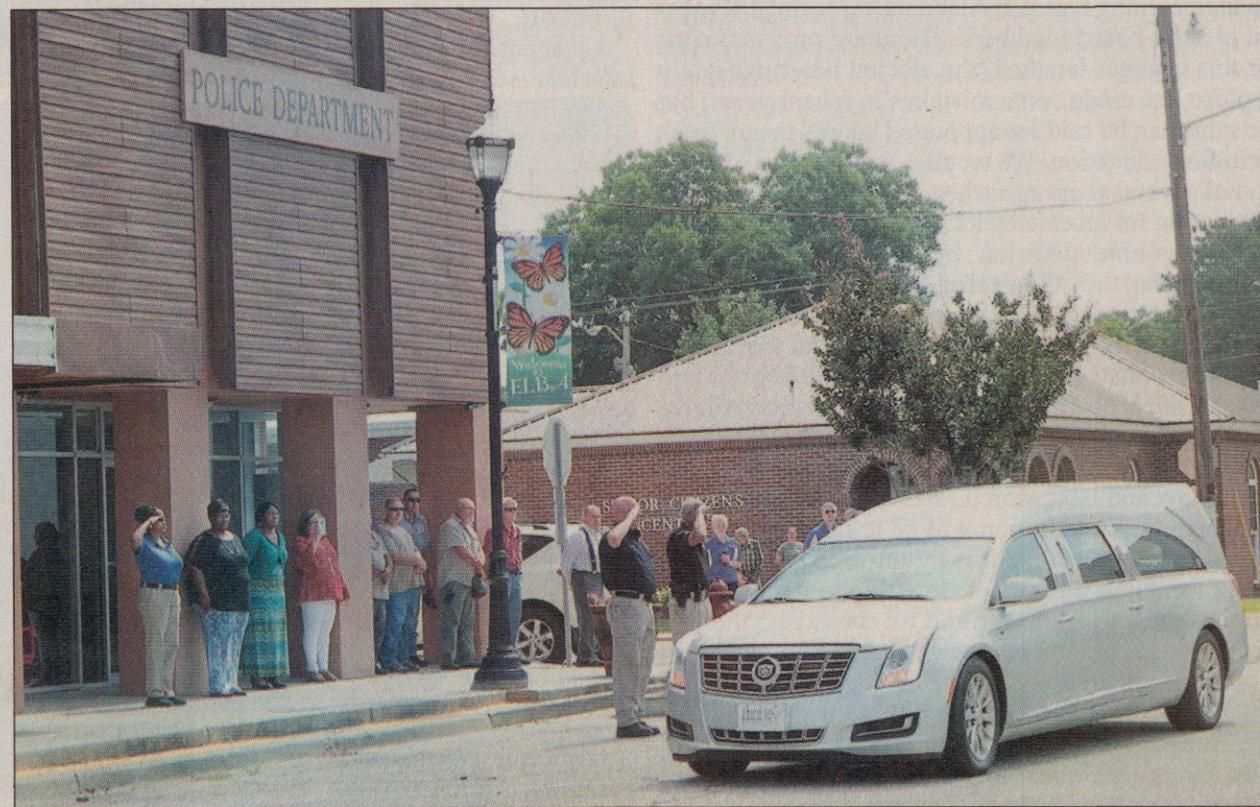
the Town of New Brockton in April 2018.

His law enforcement career of over 25 years also included service with Greenville and Fort Deposit.

Many of the city of Elba employees, friends, and other citizens were in downtown Elba Monday morning when the escort carrying Officer Duke made its stop in front of the police department. Several in attendance said he was a good man and officer and they simply wanted to show respect to him and his fellow officers.

Elba Mayor Mickey Murdock released the following statement upon learning of Officer Duke's passing on Sunday evening, "I would like to extend my deepest condolences to the Duke Family in the passing of our Officer Jimmy Duke. Officer Duke served the citizens of Elba from September 2011 – June 2019. His presence will be missed in our City, especially at the Elba Police Department."

A statement from the Elba Fire Department said the Elba firefighters mourn the



Officers stand at attention and citizens show respect as Officer Jimmy Duke makes his final stop at the Elba Police Department en route to his hometown of Greenville, Alabama. Officer Duke died Sunday, June 9, after an extended illness. He was taken home to Greenville on Monday via a police and first responder escort. Law enforcement in several cities along the way from Dothan to Greenville assisted in making sure Officer Duke had a proper escort home.

loss of a good friend, top notch police officer, and a great man — "Officer Duke was always willing to help in any way possible, on duty or off, and was an asset to our department in a number of ways. The City of Elba and Coffee County are much better places due to his service and the man he was."

Elba Police Chief Leslie Hussey said his department had lost a good friend and excellent officer. He asked for prayers from the community as the department deals with such a great loss. He said Duke would be greatly missed at the Elba Police Department.

Jimmy Duke's funeral will be Thursday, June 13, in Greenville. For more details, see his obituary on Page 3 of today's paper.



This bow hangs this week on the front door of Elba City Hall in memory of Officer Jimmy Duke. Similar bows also have been placed on other city buildings.

For New Brockton and Kinston Coffee County EMA announces testing of new dispatch procedures

Coffee County Emergency Management Agency in coordination with Elba Police Department and Coffee County Sheriff's office is testing new dispatch procedures for the towns of New Brockton and Kinston.

"We have unprecedented cooperation between all our first responders in Coffee County and all participants were immediately onboard for this new officer safety initiative," said Coffee County EMA director James Brown. "Police from New Brockton and Kinston will now be dispatched through Elba Police Department dispatch center. We are asking citizens in these towns to understand that if they call their police departments it will be picked up by an Elba dispatcher for sending a responding officer."

Before this initiative, these police departments were "self-dispatched, according to Brown.

"The problem was they

had nobody to monitor them, if they got into trouble and weren't able to radio their location then other responders wouldn't know where they were in order to provide assistance," he said.

With having Elba dispatch receive and monitor all calls to these police departments these officers now have someone monitoring their response calls. Elba dispatch is able to complete security checks, track officer location, and ensure their safety.

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TJ Northey's mother, Leigh Wicker, and elementary school principal, Debra Strickland, are shown reviewing tentative plans for the location of the components of the new playground to best suit the needs of the students at Elba Elementary School.

Elba BOE updated on playground memorial project

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City School Board met in special session last Tuesday evening, June 4.

The first order of business was the seating of newly appointed board member Kristy Astemborski. She replaces Doris Matthews who served several terms on the local school board.

From that, the meeting moved quickly into a "status of the schools" update from Superintendent Chris Moseley.

Moseley reported attending several meetings recently from which he gathered valuable information of current education happens and ideas that would be handy for the Elba schools. He also noted the

recent cheerleader 'Cheer' camp was a great experience for the students who participated.

Moseley said summer school would be from 7:30 until 11 a.m., Monday through Thursday.

He then updated the board members on the progress of the TJ Memorial Playground to be installed at the elementary school. He explained some of the existing playground equipment would be recycled, some would be salvaged and all new equipment would be installed at the elementary school.

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the superintendent and approved by board members during the meeting included:

- Accept the resignation of Jena Servold, a teacher at New Brockton Elementary School;
- Employ Chelsea McCollough as an English teacher for New Brockton High School;
- Employ Lawanda Reed as an elementary teacher for Zion Chapel School;
- Employ Zachary Holmes as a business marketing teacher for New Brockton High School;
- Approve maternity leave for Megan Driggers, assistant principal at Kinston School, for an anticipated timeframe of Aug. 16th – Oct. 18, 2019; and
- Employ David Allen Trawick as a custodian for New Brockton High School.

During the March 2019 regular board meeting, the board had approved the purchase of several vehicles for

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News Brief:

A single-vehicle crash at approximately 7:45 a.m. Thursday, June 6, claimed the life of a Brundidge woman.

Vanessa Terry, age 47, was killed when the 2015 Kia Soul she was driving left the roadway and struck a tree. Terry was pronounced dead at the scene.

The crash occurred on Alabama 125 near the eight mile marker in Coffee County. The accident was investigated by Alabama State Troopers.

Area Happenings

THE ELBA SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER will host a Tai Chi class on Thursday, June 13, at 12 noon.

THE ELBA SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER will host a Health Fair on Wednesday, June 19, from 9:30 a.m. until 12 noon. There will be door prizes, health screenings, home health/hospice information, and more.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"Success is more permanent when you achieve it without destroying your principles." – Walter Cronkite

"Interview the banks, don't let them interview you". That was the headline on an article that popped up on our computer screen Monday morning. Bankers, don't worry, we didn't read any further than the glaring headline so keep on asking us why we want the money. Us 'grunts' on the street have come to expect that question and probably have practiced (and honed) our answer for days, if not weeks.

An appointed state school board amendment will be on an upcoming ballot in Alabama, replacing the present elected board members. There are pros and cons for this change. Granted, the elected board presently in place has made some mistakes in recent years, but the same can be said for appointed boards in any field, including education. We recall a 'coffee shop' discussion of several years ago when some of our peers were advocating for an elected local board of education because of some decision by the appointed board members that they didn't like. We reminded them that just a few days earlier they were even more upset with the elected city government officials and that group was the results of popular elections. The bottom line is that there is no guarantee that either method will result in decisions that are always correct or please each of us. We urge our readers to read up on this issue between now and next March (2020) when the decision to change the constitution will be at the mercy of the voters . . . and we hope it is by informed voters. The Governor and a number of other high-powered state officials are for the change and we can expect them to step forward and encourage Alabama voters to also support the change.

The National Rifle Association (NRA) is under fire and taking some bit of embarrassment over charges of misuse of donations, etc. Since there is no NRA membership card in our pocket, this is not our problem to solve. We suspect they will survive this blemish on their record, much as other groups have done over the years. With weak (or desperate) humans handling the affairs of various groups we are bound to have someone take a couple of missteps, or down right steal. It can, and has, happened from the highest church in the land to the bootlegger down in the branch-head who waters down his white lightening corn liquor.

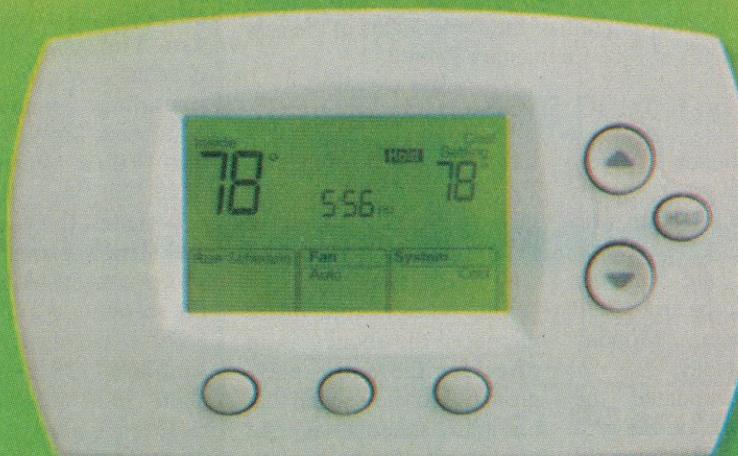
The 4-lan work on U.S. 84 and the Elba 203 Bypass continues, much to the frustrations of area drivers and vacationers passing through as well. Those of you that we have heard sharing our emotions over the confusing traffic patterns on the Bypass should put yourself in the place of those traveling through Elba. They really have no clue of which way to turn (or not turn). There is however a light at the end of the tunnel and the day will come when Elba drivers can breeze right through the all-new turns, stops and zigzags without a moment's hesitation.

Happy Father's Day y'all.

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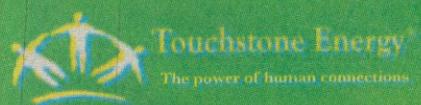
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My First Impressions: Elba Clipper intern shares his thoughts on life in Elba

by Jack West, Intern

When I was interviewing for this internship, I was asked why I wanted to spend my summer in a small town.

My answer was that, even though I had grown up in Alabama, I had grown up in Huntsville, which is probably the least-Alabama part of Alabama.

I felt like I was missing an understanding of small-town lives and stories. Now, a little over a week into my internship, I think I am beginning to understand a little bit of it.

As an outsider, my constant urge is to explore Elba.

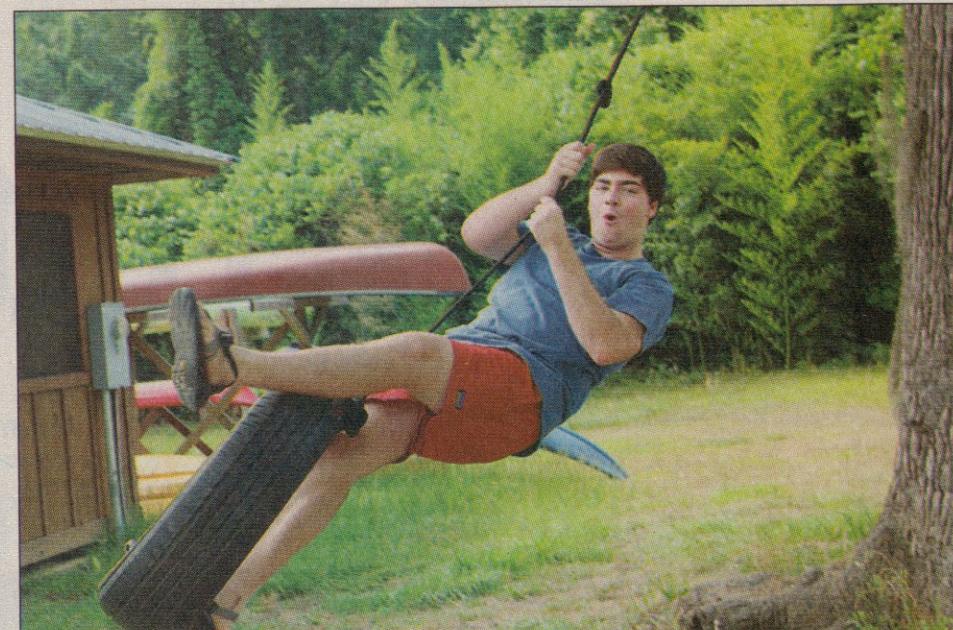
Formally, this looks like my planned tour of the Dorsey Trailer facility or getting to know the mayor. Informally, this is the walks on the levee at dusk and the trip Whitt and I took to the Elba dam.

It is common-place to joke that Elba or any small town is boring, and for someone who has lived in this small town for a long time, that may be true. However, for me, the smallness of this town is completely surpassed by its newness: I don't know what's around the corner.

I can't be that bored because I don't know enough about it yet.

Admittedly, I do find myself on the couch with very little to do sometimes. When that happens, the urge is to stave off boredom by any means necessary.

To me, there are default, passive ways to suppress boredom. I can always scroll through Twitter or



While exploring the Pea River one day last week and visiting the Pea River Outdoors shop, Jack West captured this photo of his fellow Auburn University Living Democracy intern Whitt Watts enjoying the tire swing at the Pea River Outdoors facility.

watch YouTube until I fall asleep.

I have also begun to notice that even though these kinds of passive activities alleviate feelings of boredom, they bring about another feeling:

wasting time.
There are better, more active ways to stave off boredom, like reading or exploring, but those require an amount of effort. It is just easier to passively accept what comes on my Twitter feed.

It's a hard cycle to break,

but it is one that this town has made me take notice of.

So, because of my free-time in Elba I am becoming aware that my actions and choices describe me to myself as much as they do to others.

On a personal level, Elba is a town that has driven me to exploration and introspection. It has already made me ask questions about Alabama and Alabamians (myself included) that I never asked before.

I have also begun to understand that Elba is, in

many ways, a microcosm for the larger cultural and societal issues that this country and state are being forced to stare down.

While the stock market may be up, not everyone is feeling the benefits. A drug crisis is demanding innovative solutions that go beyond arrests and prison time.

Younger generations are beginning to question the reality of a supposed meritocracy.

And we are all being forced to determine how and when we interact with increasingly addictive and malicious forms of passive entertainment like Facebook, YouTube and Twitter.

I have no illusions that any of these problems are solvable in my next nine weeks here, nor do I have any real idea of how to address them.

Luckily, I have already noticed that Elba is full of dedicated people who solve problems by engaging with their fellow citizens. This is a community that has faced big problems before and responded to them with action, compassion, resilience and persistence.

Elba has the kind of small-town reality that I was looking to experience.

Roby says help on the way for farmers...

by Rep. Martha Roby

As those of us who live and work in the Second District remember well, last year on October 10th, Hurricane Michael made landfall and ravaged areas of Alabama, Florida, and Georgia. This storm was the third most powerful hurricane to ever descend upon the United States mainland. The destruction left in its wake was devastating, and many people are still trying desperately to recover.

After eight long months, I am glad to finally report that Congress approved and the President signed into law H.R. 2157, the Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act, which includes more than \$3 billion for agriculture disaster relief.

Now that the bill has been passed by Congress and signed by the President, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will begin implementing the law and its programs. Farmers will have to sign up for relief assistance through USDA, and more information about USDA disaster assistance programs is available online at www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/disaster-assistance-program/. Next in the process, USDA will determine who receives these disaster assistance funds. Once these decisions are made, USDA will begin the process of distributing these dollars.

I want the farmers I represent in Southeast Alabama to know with confidence that help is on the way.

** Martha Roby represents Alabama's Second Congressional District. She lives in Montgomery, Alabama, with her husband Riley and their two children.

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LIFESTYLES

Summer Reading Program highlights activities for June at Elba Public Library!

Summer Reading Program:

Mondays, June 17 & 24: K-2nd Grade at 2 p.m.

Tuesdays, June 18 & 25: 3rd-6th Grade at 2 p.m.

Thursday, June 13: Big Bend Wildlife

Santuary at 2 p.m.

Thursday, June 20: Sidewalk History Tour at 2 p.m.

Friday, June 21: Deadline for Reading Records

Thursday, June 27: Awards Party for those who turn in Reading Record.



THE FOURTH ANNUAL HERBY DERBY PARTICIPANTS are shown with their catch of the day on Monday of this week. The group of mostly Elba natives gather one day each summer during Red Snapper season to fish and fellowship with old friends. Their event is named in honor of the late Herby McCall who was a member of the group's first fishing trip. It was McCall's very first deep sea fishing trip, thus they fish annually in his memory. Pictured above are (from left): kneeling - Kevin Killingworth, Kim Berry and Elijah Gilbert; back row - Warren Galimore, Scott Lawless, David Ammons, Jonathan Schlender (visitor from N Dakota), Bill Bruckner, Chris Cox, Matt Brunson and Steven Bozeman. All except Schlender are Elba High School graduates. The fishermen reported that their catch of fish was the lowest of any year, but the fun and thrill of spending a relaxing day with longtime friends was greater.



LOTS OF FUN AT ELBA LIBRARY'S SUMMER READING PROGRAM...During the Elba City Council meeting Monday night, June 10, assistant city clerk Pat Boothe reported the Summer Reading Program at the Elba Public Library has been quite a success so far this summer. Boothe said the program is averaging 31 children and 14 adults per day. She said the overall number of children enrolled is over 80, which is an excellent number for the summer program. See schedule at top of page for more info.

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Birthday Girl!



Kayleigh Jace Smith will celebrate her third birthday on Saturday, June 15, with a party at the Elba Splash Pad with her family and friends.

Kayleigh is the daughter of Khris and Kim Smith of Elba, and she was two older brothers, twins Ashton and Braxton, age 13.

LBWCC Spring Semester President's and Dean's lists:

LBWCC President Dr. Herb Riedel recognizes academic excellence of students named to the President's List each semester. To qualify, students must be a full-time student and maintain a grade point average of 4.0. The following individuals were named as recipients of this distinguished recognition for Spring Semester 2019:

Brantley: Elizabeth Jean Davis, Justin Charles Eiland, Elizabeth G. Grosenbach, Jacob Chandler Grosenbach, Kyndal Maleia Staley, Lainey Yvette Wells; **Elba:** Robert J. Curran; New Brockton: Jason Emmanuel Lewis; Included with the Andalusia listing is: Millington Susanne Manning.

President Dr. Herb Riedel recognizes academic excellence of students named to the Dean's List each semester. To qualify, students must be a full-time student and maintain a grade point average of 3.5 - 3.99. The following individuals were named as recipients of this distinguished recognition for Spring Semester 2019.

Brantley: Thomas Andrew Kimbro, Misty Dawn Shaulis, Lucretia Dinata Wade **Elba:** Laderis Rayshawn Adams, Sidney Michelle Barlow, Johnny Michael Calloway, Sydney Teana Crittenden, Lakordra Danna Downie, Kayla Leigh Henderson, Jessi Victoria O'Neal, Annsey Marye Padgett, William Braxton Robinson; **Jack:** Savannah Lee Shelton; **Kinston:** Kelly Alexis Brooks, Brenton Cade Holbrook.

The meeting also will be a joint gathering between the Elba City Council and Elba Water and Electric Board.

The workshop is open to the public.

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PASTOR'S CORNER

WILL JORDAN, PASTOR
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People are hurting; some because of losing a loved one or maybe having received bad news about their own health. Perhaps there has been some other sort of catastrophe in life. Regardless of the reason, as human beings, we hurt!

People deal with grief in different ways. God did not clone us all the same, so we will not react the same when Old Man Trouble shows up. Maybe you know someone who is suffering and you want to help but just don't know what to do.

You might be afraid of saying or doing the wrong thing. There are many issues facing us today in the world. We only need look around at the degradation of morality, the lack of ethics, and just pure evil.

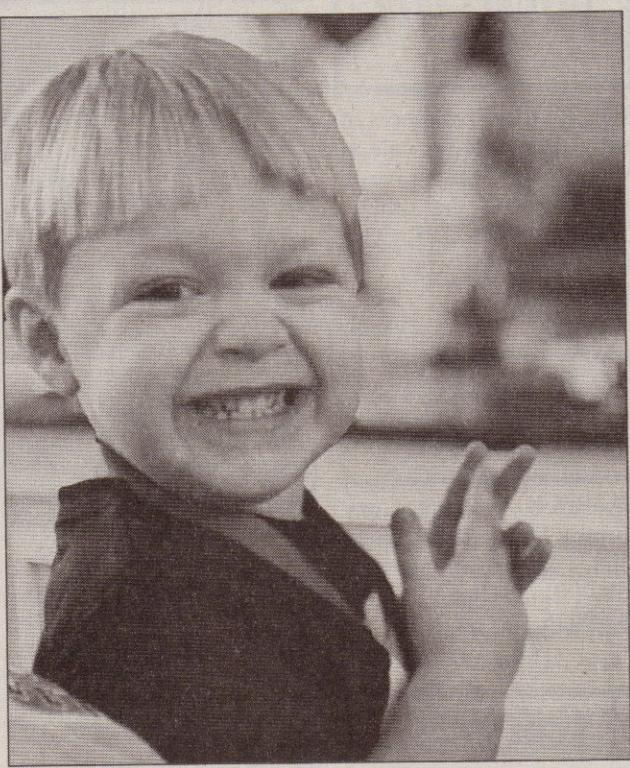
In this article I will share with you some ideas to help cope with hurting and loss. We will begin with some relevant Scripture. We are told in Psalm 23:4 "Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me." We are also reminded in Psalm 48:14 "For this is God, our God forever and ever; He will be our guide, even to death." Another comforting Scripture comes from Paul's letter to the Romans in 8: 38-39 "For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Lastly, Revelation 21:4 tells us "And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain for the former things have passed away."

These are some very comforting words from our Lord, and if relied upon with unwavering faith, would carry us through our toughest times of grief. There is a process for healing, just as with any other process. Remember when you accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior? At that moment you were justified, but does that mean the process is complete? By no means!

We should constantly grow in our spiritual maturity and are compelled to do so because of our love for the Lord, and more importantly, His love for us. Do we think that to be a teacher, physician or any other profession, we just wake up one day and say; okay, I'm a doctor and that makes it so? How silly; it takes preparation, hard work, and dedication to become proficient in a profession. Dealing with loss, trouble or grief, is really no different, in that it is a process. There are so many different theories on how to deal with grief and sadness that it's easy to get turned in the wrong direction. Some will tell you, "be tough, you can do it" or "crying isn't going to do you any good", or one of the most absurd comments of all, "I know how you feel". Now think for a minute, does anyone truly know how another person feels? Even if you have experienced the same trials, you still don't know how that person feels. We have different feelings and emotions and we handle things differently. So, the answer is no; you do not know how another person feels, so why tell them you do?

Dr. Elisabeth Kubler-Ross wrote *Death and Dying* in 1969 which describes five stages of grief. Now, if you're not familiar with Dr. Ross, she is considered the founder of the modern hospice program. This program is instrumental in helping not only the person at the end of life, but the families as well. Dr. Kubler-Ross explains the grief steps as Denial, Anger, Bargaining, Depression and Acceptance. Please keep in mind, these five stages of grief are a model and were never intended to be absolute. We don't know how much time a person will need to go through each stage or even if they will go through them in the same order as listed. I do believe, however, that we will go through each

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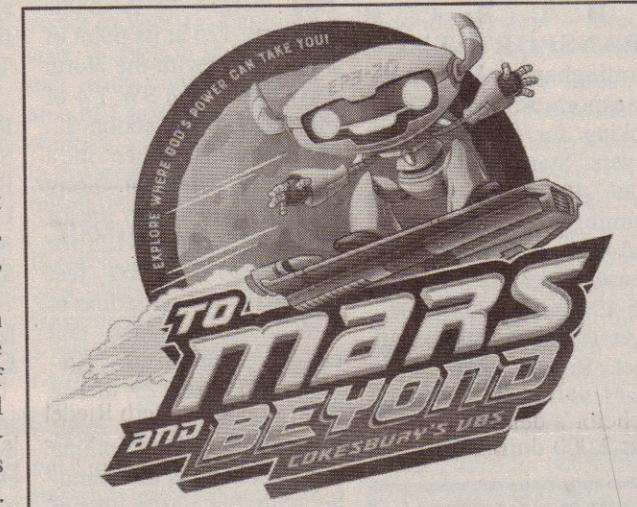
First Baptist Church and Westside Baptist Church of Elba came together last weekend to host the Elba Baptist Bible Camp, and from the smile shown above on Dunn Wicker's face, it was a huge success! One volunteer was noted as saying the Bible Camp was a great example of the two churches coming together in a Godly manner to teach children about Jesus. Reports are that all had a wonderful time at the Elba Baptist Bible Camp.

Chestnut Grove UMC announces plans for annual Homecoming

Chestnut Grove Methodist Church plans to celebrate its annual Homecoming service on Sunday, July 14, beginning at 10:30 a.m. The Homecoming speaker will be Rev. Randy Hartley. Special music will be provided by Willing Vessels, Ernie Ray Keal and the Smiths.

Lunch will follow the Homecoming service.

Everyone is invited to attend.



Ready for Vacation Bible School?

Where: Elba United Methodist Church
When: June 24-27
Time: 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Ages: 4 yrs old - upcoming 6th Grade

CHURCH NEWS

Basin Baptist Church plans Vacation Bible School for last week of June

Basin Baptist Church, VBS at Basin Baptist located at 9757 Alabama Highway 189 S, Elba, June 23, through Thursday, June 27, from 5:30-8:30 each night. Family Night will be Friday, June 28, beginning at 6 p.m.

This VBS will focus on exploring where "God's power can take you." The theme Bible verse is Ephesians 3:20. The To Mars and Beyond logo is shown.

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Come join the mission!

Round and About With Eria's Daughter 897-3611



Scripture: The suffering, Praise, and Posterity of the Messiah [Psalm 22: 1-31]

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Evelyn Belcher Manning, Diane B. Coleman, Ernestine Kelley, Mettie B. Edwards, Dea. J.L. Williams, Daniels/Bryant Families

June Birthdays / Anniversaries

Johnnie McBride 6/12
Lafondra Thigpen 6/13
Jeanette B. Siler 6/13 (in memory)
Patti Williams Culver 6/14
Jasmaine Henderson 6/15
Rev. F.L. Flowers 6/15
TyTiana Carpenter 6/16
Dr. Brian A. Blue 6/16
David Carpenter 6/17
Mason Gulley 6/18
Jerry Culver 6/19

Thought to Remember

Jesus gives peace, the world give worry, which do we do more of?

Question for the Week of 6/13/19

Q: The Prodigal Son planned to ask his Father to make him as one of? (cook), (butlers), or (hired servants)

A: The Prodigal Son planned to ask his Father to make him as one of the Hired Servants. [read Luke 15:19]

** Greatest St. Matthew A.M.E. Church of Brantley presents its upcoming Gospel Concert, under the direction of Brandon McClure, minister of music, on Saturday, June 15, at 6:30 p.m., at the Brantley High School auditorium. Tickets are \$5.

** 52nd Annual Youth Rally of the Mulberry Missionary Baptist District will be Saturday, June 15.

Question for the Week of 6/20/19

Q: Who told Mary "Hail thou art highly favored, The Lord is with thee?"

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue

Church News is due on Mondays!

Church Directory

OAK GROVE BAPT. CHURCH

Eddie Ingram, Pastor

1st. - 4th Sun. Morn.

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Night Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH

C.P. Davis, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Night Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH

Donald Mills, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 5:45 a.m.

Wed. Worship . . . 7:00 p.m.

VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH

Shayne Allen, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 5:45 p.m.

Wed. Worship . . . 7:00 p.m.

WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH

Ken Wilson, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:30 p.m.

WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

Ken Wilson, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:30 p.m.

WISER MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Kenneth Hagler, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Donnie Marler, Interim Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Cary Mauldin, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

ZOR COMMUNITY CHURCH

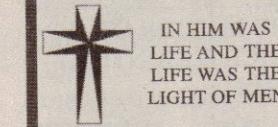
John Isaacs, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.



COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Diane White, Pastor

Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m.

Fellowship . . . 9:45 a.m.

Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.

Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities) . . . 6:00 p.m.

ABUNDING GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Rockey Pearce, Pastor

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.

Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor

Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.

Wed. Night Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Mark Ward, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH

Sam Self, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . 5:30 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

BETHEL AME CHURCH

Rev. Deborah A. Butler, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

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Coffee County Highway Department

Equipment Operator III

Duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to, operate medium and heavy equipment, truck tractor with lowboy trailer, fuel truck, and other vehicles to construct, maintain, and improve roads and drainage systems. Perform additional tasks as assigned. Experience preferred. Qualifications: Valid Commercial Driver's License (Class A). Fringe Benefits: paid vacation, sick leave, health insurance, holidays, and state retirement. Starting wage is \$12.87 per hour. Closing Date: July 7, 2019.

Please apply online at www.coffeecounty.us.

Coffee County is an Equal Opportunity Employer

HOUSES FOR SALE

FOR SALE. Five pieces of rental property for sale in New Town (Elba). Live in one and rent the others. Call (344) 897-2755, (344) 470-7510. Will pay for themselves. 5/9-tfc

HOME FOR SALE

3/1 Brick + Block Cozy Home. 873 Cedar Lane, Elba. Move in Ready. \$39,000. Call (575) 363-9025. 6/13-4t-pd.

FOR SALE

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YARD SALE

Multi-Family Yard Sale. June 15, 2019, 7:00 a.m. Until: 2580 Old Curtis Rd., Elba, Ala. - past old Kleinert's clothing factory. 6/13-pd.

HELP WANTED - DRIVERS

C H U R C H TRANSPORTATION: Birmingham, AL based Transportation Company looking for Class A CDL drivers. Starting at .43 per mile/.45 after 6 months. Running Southeast, Midwest, Atlantic States. Please call 1-(205) 925-1977 ext. 2309, email: reaves@churchntransportation.net. Requirements: Must be at least 23 years of age & have 2 years safe driving experience.

HELP WANTED - NEWS

WEB PRESS Operator wanted for South Alabama weeklies. 8 unit Goss Community. Send resume to moe@pujolprint.com.



Public Notices:

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA Elba Division

In the Matter of: Micah Caleb Walker Arrington a minor child

DOB 02/14/2012

Case No: JU-2013-147.07

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Hon. Jodee R. Thompson on behalf of the Coffee County Department of Human Resources has filed a Petition to Terminate Parental Rights in the Juvenile Court of Coffee County, Elba Division, Alabama, in regards to the above named minor child. If you should have any reason why this Petition to Terminate Parental Rights should not be granted in this matter, you are required to contact the said Court immediately!

CASE NO: JU-2017-108.03

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DONE THIS THE 20TH DAY OF MAY, 2019
/s/ Amy L Reeves
Amy Reeves
Circuit Clerk,
Coffee County, Alabama

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PUBLIC NOTICES:

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage dated September 25, 2006, executed by April R Messer and Paul Wesley Messer, wife and husband, to Chase Bank USA, N.A., which mortgage was recorded on November 27, 2006, in A/OFFR Book 99A, Page 457, of the mortgage records in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, which mortgage was, duly transferred and assigned to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, notice is hereby given that pursuant to law and the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the undersigned will sell at public outcry, to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the Main entrance to the Coffee County Courthouse at Elba, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on July 16, 2019, the following described real estate, situated in Coffee County, Alabama, to-wit:

The following real estate situated in Coffee County, Alabama, to wit: one tract of land consisting of 14 acres located within the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 22, T6N, R20E, being particularly described and bounded as follows: Beginning at a point along the East margin of Alabama Highway 125 at its point of intersection with the North forty line of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 22, and running thence in a southerly direction along the East right of way line of Alabama Highway 125 for a distance of 960 feet (scaled) to the centerline or thread of a branch that crosses underneath Alabama Highway 125; thence from the thread or centerline of said branch running due East along a line parallel with the north line of said forty for a distance of 976 feet (scaled) to a point on the East forty line of the SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 22; thence running due north along the East forty line for a distance of 800 feet (scaled) to the Northeast corner of said forty; thence running due West along the north forty line for a distance of 640 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning. Said parcel contains 14 acres, more or less, situated within the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 22, Township 6 North, Range 20, and is bound on the West by Alabama Highway 125; on the South by lands of the grantors; on the East by the East line of said forty; and on the North by the North forty line.

This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by David L. Garrett and Michele L. Garrett, Husband and Wife, to Army Aviation Center Federal Credit Union on April 19, 2012, said mortgage being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee at Enterprise County, Alabama, at OFFREC Book 598 Page 72, the undersigned All In Federal Credit Union FKA Army Aviation Center Federal Credit Union, as mortgagor (or transferee), under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, at the entrance of the Courthouse of Coffee County at Enterprise, Alabama, on July 16, 2019, between the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate situated in Coffee County, Alabama, to wit:

Lots Number 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 in Block 3 in the Smith & Hayes Addition to the Town of New Brockton, Alabama. Said property being bound as follows: East by Grady Helms; West by Mildred Russell, Et Al.; South by Mack Spinks and

Witness my hand this the 23rd day of May 2019.
/s/ Carl Andrew Gunter
Personal Representative
5/30, 6/6, 6/13-chg

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE VACATION OF A PORTION COFFEE COUNTY ROAD 496

The Coffee County Commission has received a written petition from the abutting landowners Coffee County Road 496 beginning at the intersection of said County Road 496 and County Road 427 requesting the vacation of said road. Pursuit to Section 23-4-20, Code of Alabama 1975, the Coffee County Commission shall hold a public hearing on July 8, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. at the Coffee County Complex Community Room, New Brockton, Alabama concerning the proposed road vacation. The proposed public road to be vacated is described as follows: The entire length and width of the unpaved Coffee County Road 496 beginning at the intersection of said County Road 496 and County Road 427. Thence, continue easterly along said County Road 496 a distance of 580 to the point where county maintenance ends. Said road being located in the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 10 and the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 3, Township 4 North, Range 19 East, Coffee County, Alabama. Any citizen alleging to be affected by the proposed vacation may file written objection or request to be heard at the public hearing. Written objections may be mailed or hand delivered to The Coffee County Commission, #2 County Complex, New Brockton, AL 36351. Please contact the Coffee County Commission at (334) 894-5556 if you desire to be heard at the public hearing.

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North by Old Elba and Enterprise Highway or John Street

Subject to all zoning, easements, restrictions, restrictive covenants and reservations appearing of record. Said sale will also be made subject to any Federal Tax Liens, Ad Valorem Real Estate Taxes and/or Special Assessments of any nature, if any, which might adversely affect the title to the property. The property is being sold "as is, where is". Said property is sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use, enjoyment or condition. The mortgagor or transferee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process. The successful bidder must tender a non-refundable deposit of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) in certified funds made payable to Stephens Millirons, P.C. at the time and place of sale. The balance of the purchase price must be paid in certified funds by noon on the second business day following the sale at the law firm of Stephens Millirons, P.C. at 120 Seven Cedars Drive, Huntsville, Alabama 35802. Stephens Millirons, P.C. reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest bidders should the highest bidder fail to timely tender the total amount due. JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association Transferee

Robert J. Wermuth/cls
Stephens Millirons, P.C.
P.O. Box 307
Huntsville, Alabama 35804
Attorney for Mortgagee
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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by David L. Garrett and Michele L. Garrett, Husband and Wife, to Army Aviation Center Federal Credit Union

ARMY AVIATION CENTER FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, Mortgagee-Transferee

Leonard N. Math
Chamblee Math Carr, P.C.
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Montgomery, Alabama
36123-0759
334-272-2230
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IN THE MATTER OF CLARICE D. GUNTER, Deceased.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION CASE NO: PC-2019-038

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters of Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 23rd day of May 2019 by the Honorable Steven E. Blair, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, to-wit:

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Witness my hand this the 23rd day of May 2019.

/s/ Carl Andrew Gunter

Personal Representative

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PUBLIC NOTICE

On June 5, 2019, an application was filed with the Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC seeking consent to the transfer of control of Boll Weevil Communications, LLC from the Estate of William D. Holderfield deceased to Michael D. Holderfield, William Darrell Holderfield, and Susan Harrison. Boll Weevil Communications, LLC is the licensee of radio station WVVL, Elba, Alabama. A copy of the transfer of control applications and related materials are on file for public inspection during normal business hours at 100 North Main Street, Enterprise, Alabama.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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of these stages in one form or another when dealing with hurt and grief. So just how are we to help friends and family deal with grief? I am going to list some do's and don'ts.

DO:

1. Be there for them, not just in thought, but truly be available to them. Don't crowd them and don't judge their emotions. People handle things differently; BE UNDERSTANDING.

2. PRAY FOR THEM, both in your personal prayer time and with them, if they will allow. Ask only that God's Will be done in the healing process. Remember, time is relevant to the person's make-up, and will vary in the time it takes to get through each stage.

3. TAKE CARE OF THEIR PHYSICAL NEEDS, as well as, their emotional and spiritual needs. Think about the words of James, be doers of the Word, not just hearers. Make sure the grieved has clean clothes and nutritious food. Make sure they are getting rest, in as much as possible.

4. WITNESS TO THEM, using the verses I quoted earlier (or other appropriate ones of your choosing). Participate in daily devotionals with them, witness to them about God's goodness. If they are not saved, continue to LEAD THEM TO CHRIST.

5. Don't hesitate to get the person PROPER MEDICAL ATTENTION. You can't always depend on the grieving person to seek medical help, without encouragement, as they could still be in denial.

DON'T:

1. Don't Say "I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL."

2. Never tell them "EVERYTHING IS FINE."

3. DON'T TRY TO MAKE THEM CRY OR MAKE THEM STOP CRYING. Let it take its own course.

4. DON'T TRY TO OVER-MEDICATE THEM TO KEEP THEM FROM HURTING. We all need to grieve.

5. DON'T TELL THEM IT'S TIME TO STRAIGHTEN UP AND GET OVER IT. Not your call to make.

Prevention is key to safeguard against tick and mosquito-borne diseases

Summer months mean more time spent outdoors and fun in the sun for the entire family, but warmer months also bring unwanted visitors – ticks and mosquitoes. While most people think of ticks and mosquitoes as being only a nuisance, they can also transmit diseases, many of which can be extremely dangerous.

"Ticks and mosquitoes can transmit viruses and bacteria when they bite, causing illnesses that range from mild to severe or even fatal," says Public Health Entomologist Savannah Duke.

West Nile virus, Eastern equine encephalitis and Zika virus are diseases that mosquitoes can carry while Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain spotted fever are tickborne diseases that pose a threat to Alabama residents.

According to State Public Health Veterinarian Dr. Dee Jones, "The best way to avoid getting a disease from a tick or mosquito is to reduce the risk of being bitten." The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention offer the following recommendations for preventing tick and mosquito bites:

- Use insect repellents with ingredients registered by the Environmental Protection Agency such as DEET, Picaridin and oil of lemon eucalyptus.

- Always follow instructions when applying insect repellent to children and do not use repellents on babies younger than 2 months or oil of lemon eucalyptus on children under 3 years old.

- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants and use permethrin to treat clothing and gear.

- Make sure window screens are in good repair to reduce the chance of mosquitoes indoors.

- Conduct a yard inspection and tip or toss anything that holds water to reduce mosquito breeding habitats. Fill holes and depressions in your yard where water tends to collect and repair leaky pipes and faucets.

- Walk in the center of trails and conduct a tick check upon returning indoors.

- Remove ticks immediately and correctly. Visit https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/removing_a_tick.html to learn how to safely remove ticks.

See your health provider if you think you have a

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Bait Privilege License Provides Options for Hog, Deer Hunting

By DAVID RAINER, Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

A buddy of mine recently returned from vacation to discover what many landowners have been dealing with for the past couple of decades.

"Hogs tore up my place while we were gone," the message read.

Now my friend has another tool that he can use to help minimize the impact of the scourge known as feral hogs.

The Alabama Legislature recently passed legislation that allows hunters on privately owned or leased land to purchase a bait privilege license that makes it legal to hunt feral pigs (year-round during daylight hours only) and white-tailed deer (during the deer-hunting season only) with the aid of bait.

The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) is issuing the new license (\$15 for resident individual hunters and \$51 for non-residents) through any outlet that sells hunting licenses and online at www.outdoor-alabama.com.

Hunters who want to thin the destructive hog herd right now can purchase the license, but be aware that license will expire on Aug. 31. If you wish to hunt hogs or deer with the aid of bait during the 2019-2020 hunting seasons, you will need to purchase a new bait privilege license when it becomes available in late August.

The bait privilege license applies to everybody who hunts those species with the aid of bait with no exceptions. That means hunters 65 years old and older and hunters under 16 must have a valid bait license when hunting with the aid of bait.

Plus, each hunter must have his/her own bait privilege license to hunt with the aid of bait.

Also understand that baiting any wildlife – including white-tailed deer and feral pigs – on public lands remains illegal.

Sen. Jack Williams, R-Wilmer, who has been dealing with the destructive feral hogs for years, sponsored the Senate bill. This was the fourth year Williams had submitted similar legislation.

"The biggest thing in my area is the hogs are tearing your property up," said Williams, who farms and operates a plant nursery in Mobile County. "I'm overrun with them in my area."

"I killed one Easter morning off my porch, in my back yard. They were rooting my driveway up. We're doing everything we can to kill them. We have more opportunities to kill them during deer season than any



Feral pigs create significant damage to agricultural fields and wildlife openings in Alabama. Hunters in Alabama with a bait privilege license can now hunt deer during the open season and feral hogs year-round with the aid of bait. (photo by Jay Gunn, WFF)

other time."

Williams drew a parallel with how some natural wildlife forage can also congregate animals in tight spaces.

"In my viewpoint, there is not any difference between a group of deer eating the corn spread out or in a trough and white-oak acorns with all the deer up under that tree," he said. "We've fed for years, and I think most people who are trying to grow any deer have too. We haven't had any problems with it at all."

Included in the law is a provision that ADCNR can suspend the use of the bait privilege license on a county, regional or statewide basis to prevent the spread of diseases, like chronic wasting disease (CWD), among wildlife. Conservation Commissioner Chris Blankenship said this was not a Department-sponsored bill, but the Department did work with Senator Williams to include the provisions that help prevent the spread of disease.

"We wanted it to be clear in the bill that the Conservation Commissioner had the authority to suspend the baiting privilege if CWD or some other disease was detected," Blankenship said. "It also says the Commissioner can suspend the feeding of wild game in areas where CWD or other disease might be present."

Blankenship said there has been much discussion regarding the bill.

"People like that this bill makes it clear that if they want to hunt with aid of bait, they can, like they do in Georgia and other states," he said. "This is not being forced on you. It's up to you if you do it or not."

Williams thinks the use of bait illegally has been a common occurrence in Alabama in the past.

"People have been feeding anyway," he said. "This is just making a lot of people legal. That's the way I see it."

"I don't see it helping the people who grow corn. I know every feed store around here that sells it, and they can't get it in fast enough during hunting season. It's not going to make the price of corn go up. That will be market price."

Williams also mentioned, for those who choose not to hunt with the aid of bait, the Area Definition Regulation

remains in effect. The Area Definition Regulation allows for supplemental feeding as long as the feed is more than 100 yards away and out of the line of sight of the hunter because of natural vegetation or naturally occurring terrain features.

"This may help us throughout the whole year to better help control the population of feral hogs," the Commissioner said.

Blankenship said the Alabama Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF) Division will continue to closely monitor the white-tailed deer herd and any harvest rate trends that might be associated with the use of bait.

"The Department will make sure this is not a detriment to the wildlife and that we have a healthy deer population in our state," he said.

"This is just another factor we will examine as we look at the health of the deer population. With the three-buck limit and other seasons and bag limits, we think our deer population will be fine."

Revenue from sale of the new bait privilege license will be eligible for federal matching funds to support conservation efforts in the state. That revenue is determined, in part, by the number of licenses sold.

Exempt hunters who buy a bait privilege license but don't buy a hunting license will be eligible to be counted for federal matching funds.

Blankenship said he doesn't have a projection about the amount of revenue the bait privilege licenses will produce.

"We really don't know right now," he said. "After the first season, we'll have a lot better idea."

For more information, contact the Alabama WFF Law Enforcement Section at 334-242-3467.

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson **Lawson** continued to enjoy his summer vacation last week as he spent the night with his Aunt Mel-Mel, in Ozark, and went to the Elba Public Library along with a lot of other children to take part in an afternoon of enjoyment and fun. I don't know what he has on his schedule this week, but I'm glad I don't have to keep up with him as he makes the most of summer.

For what it is worth....

*** **The Southeastern Conference announced** last week that it had approved six-year agreements with a total of 10 post-season bowls, including the addition of the Las Vegas Bowl and the Gasparilla Bowl, in Tampa, Florida. The ten bowl games are in addition to the College Football Playoff system, as the SEC also participates in the Allstate Sugar Bowl in years the New Orleans game is not a CFP semi-finalist, and the Orange Bowl, in Miami, in selected years. The SEC and Big Ten will alternate playing a Pac 12 team in the Las Vegas Bowl, the NFL's newest city, while the conference extended its contracts with the Citrus Bowl, in Orlando; Outback Bowl, in Tampa; TaxSlayer Gator Bowl, in Jacksonville; Franklin American Mortgage Music City Bowl, in Nashville; Academy Sports Outdoor Texas Bowl, in Houston; the AutoZone Liberty Bowl, in Memphis; and, the Birmingham Bowl. The league also continued its relationship with the Belk Bowl, in Charlotte, in alternating years with the Big Ten, and will alternate playing in Charlotte and Las Vegas. Dropped from the list of bowls in the SEC lineup was the Independence Bowl, in Shreveport. The league will continue its current selection process, and after any SEC teams have qualified for the playoffs at either the Sugar Bowl or Orange Bowl, the Citrus Bowl will have the first selection of remaining SEC teams. After that, the SEC will assign teams to a pool of six bowls, as well as the Las Vegas Bowl in even years and the Belk Bowl in odd years. After the pool of six games is assigned, the Birmingham Bowl and Gasparilla Bowl will collaborate on the remaining eligible teams. It looks like it could be an exciting bowl season ahead for SEC fans.

*** **The new 'NCAA Portal' continued to swing open** wide last week at Troy University as starting defensive back Tyler Murray announced he would be the latest Trojan to head out of the program. Murray was the sixth Trojan, and fourth starter, to transfer out of the program since the departure of former coach Neal Brown. Troy has now lost cornerback Marcus Jones, linebacker Tron Folsom, receiver Bee Hinton, quarterback Sawyer Smith, receiver Richard Hallman. New coach Chip Lindsey hasn't been exactly thrilled with the moves and stated "If you commit to go somewhere then I think you ought to do that... because at the end of the day you're turning your back on your teammates."

*** **The Alabama High School Athletic Association** awarded 112 team 'state titles' this past school year with a total of 64 schools taking home the coveted blue maps. Homewood took home the most hardware with seven state titles, followed by Scottsboro with five; Montgomery Academy, Montgomery Catholic, Hoover and UMS-Wright, with four; while Mars Hill Bible, which defeated Brantley in the finals in baseball and softball, and Linden, in football, took home three titles; and area schools G.W. Long, Houston Academy and Providence Christian, all won two state championships. Also winning a state title was Pleasant Home, in volleyball.

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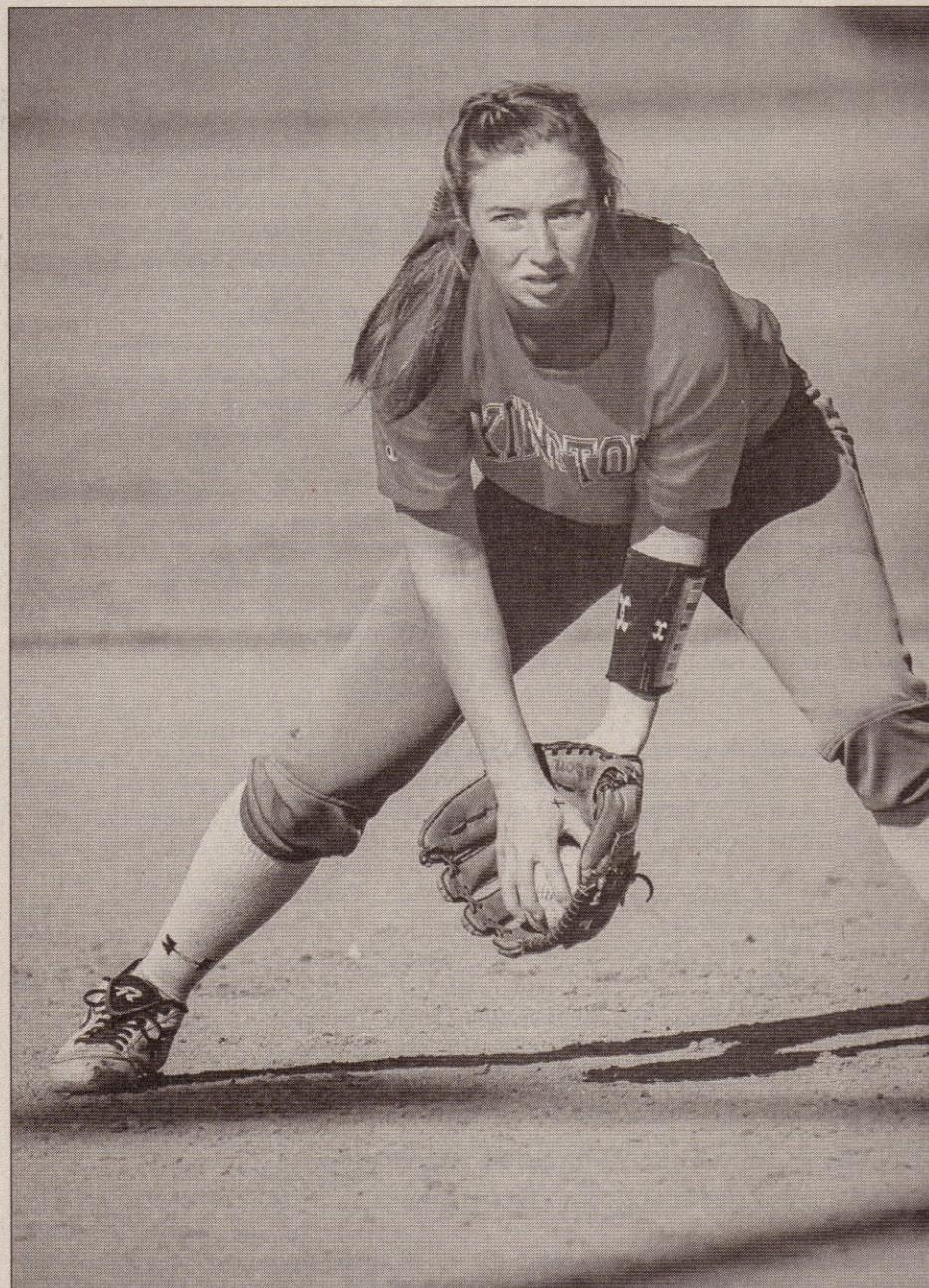
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Lunsford is 'Super' in softball

The Dothan Eagle has announced its 2019 'Super 12' high school softball selections and included on the honored list is Kinston Lady Bulldog standout Courtney Lunsford.

Lunsford, a junior, starred at both shortstop and pitcher for the Lady Bulldogs and led the team to a runner-up finish at the South Region and a fifth place finish at the Class 1A state softball tournament.

For the season, Lunsford batted .560 with 4 home runs, 40 runs batted in, 36 runs scored, 13 doubles, stole 9 bases in 10 attempts, drew 15 walks and was hit by a pitch 11 times.

Following is the complete list of this season's 'Super 12' picks: Libby Baker, senior, G.W. Long; Savanna Wood, senior, G.W. Long; Collier Peaden, sophomore,

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Libby Baker, G.W. Long,

- Player of the Year'

Nathan Rainey, Wicks-

burg, - Coach of the Year'

Super 12 selections announced in prep baseball

The Dothan Eagle announced its annual 'Super 12' selections in high school baseball last week with G.W. Long's Matt Snell taking home 'Player of the Year' honors.

The 'Super 12' picks included Matt Snell, senior, G.W. Long; Slade Simmons, senior, G.W. Long; Blake Burkhalter, senior, Northview; DJ Law, senior, Rehobeth; Brock Huner, senior, Charles Henderson; Mason Coskrey, Geneva; Don Williams, junior, Houston Academy; Grayson Stewart, junior, Providence Christian; David Warren, senior, Providence Christian; Kade Sell, junior, Wicksburg; Jordan Coachman, senior, Cottonwood; and, Taylor Gover, senior, Lakeside School.

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ton; Carson Fain, Arion;

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ELBA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MAKES
DONATION TO ELBA HIGH GOLF
PROGRAM...The Elba High School Alumni Association continues to support programs and their needs at Elba High School. Recently, the alumni association made a donation of golf balls and golf tees to the Elba High School golf program. Above, Linda Hodge, president of the alumni association, is shown presenting the items to Elba High School golf coach Mark Wicker. The donation will go a long way in keeping the high school golf team supplied with golf balls and tees for practice, tourney play, etc.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Opportunities to volunteer are available and welcome!

The Giving Garden of Elba supplies fresh produce to local food bank

by Jack West, Intern

Behind the old jail and its rusted-out cells, new life sprouts every year in Elba.

The community's Giving Garden is a plot of land where volunteers can help grow cucumbers, tomatoes, bell peppers, and other produce; all of which is then donated to the Elba Community Food Bank. The garden was started and is managed by Restoration 154 Inc., a non-profit group in Elba.

"We are in charge of getting the food harvested two or three times a week," said Chelsea Cooper, an Elba resident who works at State Farm.

Within Restoration 154, Cooper does most of the management work for the garden.

"Right now, I am just co-ordinating people to harvest



The vegetables planted the Spring at the Giving Garden are in harvest and help supply fresh produce to citizens that seek help through the Elba Community Food Bank.

weekly.

Tommy Grimes, a volunteer at the food bank, said the relationship between the Giving Garden and the Food Bank has been beneficial for everyone involved.

"It was just a natural thing that the two of us would come together," he said. "Nutrition-wise, it is probably 20 percent of what we give out."

According to Cooper, that 20 percent is very important because Elba is on a "food desert."

"With food stamps or the Women, Infants, and Children program, you get \$15 worth of fresh vegetables per voucher, and that's really not enough," Cooper said. "Usually, you're going to get a lot of just processed food."

Outside of its direct material benefit, Cooper also said there is a connection between agriculture and the people of Elba.

"There is something about this area, the people have always had ties to farming, and they really like to see the new generation getting involved in that because they don't see that a lot," Cooper said. "When you've got people our age asking: 'Hey, can you sponsor a bed?' it is exciting to them."

For that reason, even Covington County wreck has claimed three lives

A two-vehicle crash Monday, June 10, at approximately 1:30 p.m. claimed the life of three people.

Since lunch is being provided at the event pre-registration is required. Please contact the Pike County Extension Office at 334-566-0985 to register.

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The event is being sponsored by the local Extension office and the Auburn University School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences.

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A meal will be provided. The event is being sponsored by the local Extension office, the USDA, the Alabama Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division, the Auburn University School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences and Wiregrass RC&D.

Seating is limited, and registrations can be made by calling the Wiregrass Research and Extension Center at 334-693-2010.

The second seminar is titled ForestHER and is a luncheon "for women who love the land."

It will be held on July 16, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Pike County Extension Office.

Topics of discussion will include Alabama forest history, tips on how women

Due to "beach travellers" this time of year Sheriff addresses traffic concerns for Coffee County Road 427 during Coffee County Commission meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the Coffee County Commission meeting held Monday morning, June 10, Coffee County Sheriff Dave Sutton addressed commissioners regarding a traffic problem that seems to be getting worse for Coffee County Road 427.

Sheriff Sutton said navigation systems appear to be routing a large portion of beach-going traffic through County Road 427 in the Basin community of Coffee County, and much of that traffic appears to be ignoring the speed limit for the county road. The sheriff said this creates a dangerous traveling scenario for local residents in that area.

Sheriff Sutton encouraged local motorists that travel in the County Road 427 area to use extreme caution and be aware of highly increased traffic due to the 'beachgoers.'

He said the sheriff's department and other law enforcement are working to try and combat some of the issues this is creating, and that they would continue to do so. However, he stressed that it is also important for locals to be careful in that area and watch out for the traffic that may not be obeying the traffic laws.

During the recent Memorial Day holiday weekend time period [May 23 – May 27], Sutton said the sheriff's department set up a traffic monitoring system on that county road. During which time, he said 4,490 vehicles traveled on the road, mostly heading south.

"That is a lot of southbound traffic on this county road in just a five-day period," Suttons said.

The posted speed limit for the county road is 45 miles per hour. Sutton said the highest speed recorded during the timeframe was 83



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These fresh cucumbers were picked last week from the Elba Giving Garden and were donated to the Elba Community Food Bank for distribution to local citizens.

The partnership between the Giving Garden and the Elba Food Bank is one that has proven very beneficial over the past few years, and organizers hope it will only 'grow' from here. Additional volunteers can help to make that happen and citizens are encouraged to consider volunteering to offer a hand in helping others!

Extension office has upcoming seminars open for registration

Two seminars are being offered by The Alabama Cooperative Extension System in late June and early July.

The first, a Wild Pig Management Seminar, is being held on June 27, from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Wiregrass Research & Extension Center.

Topics for the seminar include management strategies, aerial gunning opportunities, news on toxicants research, information on federal funding and cost share opportunities and a panel discussion about wild pig management errors.

A meal will be provided.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Elba gets ready to celebrate nation's independence July 4th in downtown

by Jack West, Intern

Before signing the Declaration of Independence in 1776, future-president John Adams wrote that the signing of the Declaration "ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more."

The City of Elba is doing its best to honor Adams' wishes and deliver a Fourth of July celebration with all the pomp and parade it can muster.

This year's Let Freedom Ring celebration will be held on the Courthouse Square on July 4. Admission will be free, and everyone is invited.

According to Sandy Bynum, director of the Chamber of Commerce, this year's celebration will be similar to last year's, if not better.

A patriotic parade around downtown will start at 6:30 p.m., after which church bells will be rung. Then, Mayor Mickey Murdock will give a speech before the National Anthem is sung and the Pledge of Allegiance is said.

After that, The Springs, the country-rock duo who performed at last year's Fourth of July celebration, will play on a stage downtown.

Finally, a fireworks display will close out the night.

Interspersed amongst all of this will be games, food, contests and face-painting.

This year's main addition will be that kids can use the splash pad by the park while their parents listen to music.

"If they want to bring their children to the splash pad, I think that could be a part of the entertainment, or part of the activities that we have not done in the past," Bynum said.

According to Bynum, the appeal of this event is au-



thenticity, safety and community.

"We try to do everything the founding fathers set up for people to do on the Fourth of July," she said.

"Last year, I really felt like we were in Mayberry." (A reference to *The Andy Griffith Show's* small-town setting.)

In prior years, this celebration has not only given people a chance to celebrate this country's Declaration of Independence, but also to come together and share as a community.

"You just feel safe and comfortable," Bynum said. "Everybody can sort of feel involved."

That level of involvement goes beyond the people attending the event and includes those performing at it as well.

Stewart Halcomb, one-half of The Springs duo, is from Enterprise, Alabama.

"I think that is one of the reasons why they do this event for us," Bynum said.

"They can come home and bring their whole band. Normally we can't even af-

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Photos are from the 2018 edition of Elba's Let Freedom Ring event! Don't miss out this year! There will be lots of fun for the entire family!!

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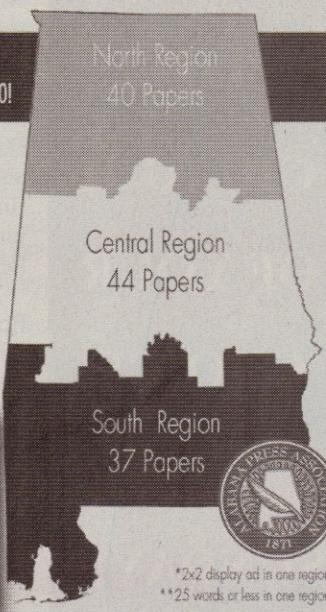
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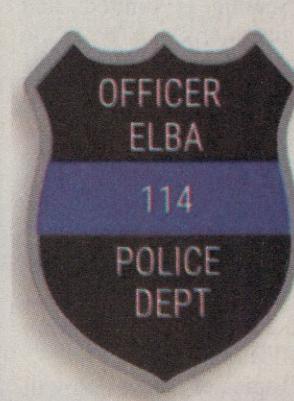
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The law enforcement escort is shown leading Officer Jimmy Duke into Elba one last time Monday morning. The escort brought Duke from Dothan to Elba and then on to his hometown of Greenville, where funeral services will be held on Thursday.

Elba's Dennis Smith chosen to be inducted into Wiregrass Sports Hall of Fame later this month

by Jack West, Intern

Dennis Smith, an Elba native, will be inducted into the Wiregrass Sports Hall of Fame on June 29 at the Wiregrass Rehabilitation Center.

Smith played football, baseball and ran track at Elba High School from 1968 through 1971. He then played collegiate football at Clemson University from 1971 to 1976.

During his time at Elba High, he started on the football team for three consecutive years and was named All-SAC (South Alabama Conference) his junior and senior years. With 855 yards during the regular season, Smith led the SAC in rushing yards and scoring during his senior year. He was also named the Offensive Player of the Game during the Liberty Bowl against Dora that year.

After graduation, Smith attended Clemson University. He played on Clemson's Freshman Team as a wide receiver before being moved to the defensive secondary as a sophomore. He was redshirted later that year because of a shoulder injury.

Then, after recovering from his injury, Smith found himself as a backup safety for another player, Peanut Martin.

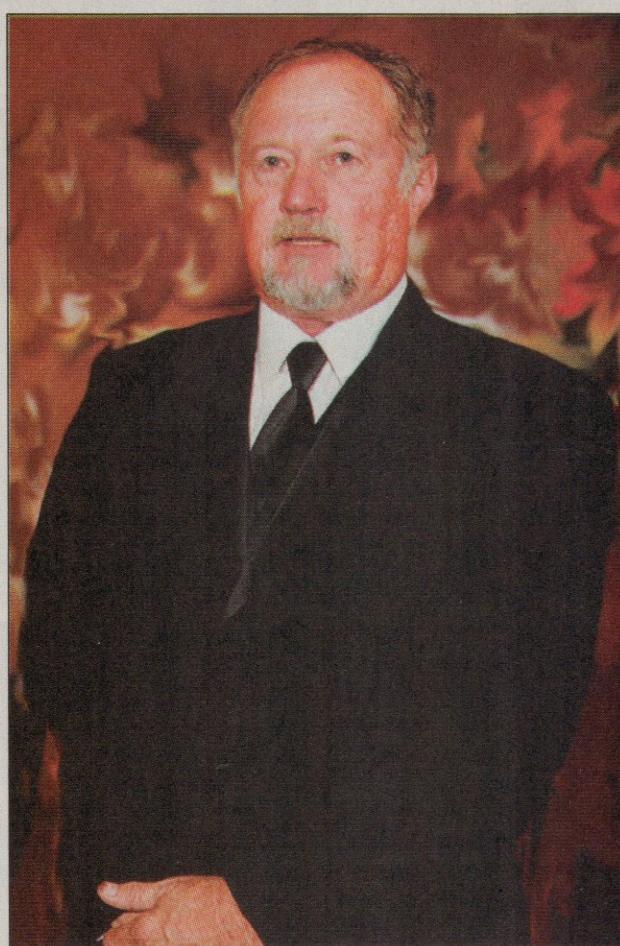
"I finally got an opportunity to play after a guy broke his ankle in front of me," Smith said in an interview with *The Dothan Eagle*.

The article went on to describe him as "a medium-sized lad 6-0 (six feet tall) and 170 pounds, but one of those gutty individuals that can make coaches like Red Parker look mighty good."

In 1975, when Peanut Martin returned from his injury, Smith was moved over to strong safety and named to the South Carolina All-State Football Team. That also was the year he was given the nickname "Deer Dog" for his love of the outdoors and for using dogs to track deer.

Smith graduated from Clemson in 1976 and returned to the wiregrass as the recreational director for the city of Opp. While there, he coordinated all forms of recreation for the city including boys' baseball leagues, men's/women's softball and pool operations.

Then, in 1980, Dennis came back to his hometown to work as the recreational director for Elba. Notably, he helped the city procure a grant for the construction of Hawkins-Williams Park and coached several youth



Elba's Dennis Smith will be among those in the 27th class of the Wiregrass Sports Hall of Fame inductees on June 29th in Dothan, Ala. Smith made his mark on Wiregrass sports in football at Elba High School and playing college ball for Clemson University.

sports teams.

An article in the Southern Football Pre-Season Edition of 1975 said that, "Dennis Smith led the ACC in interceptions (six) last year, but he probably has the lowest profile of any star in the league."

Smith is married to Jan Young Smith, his high school sweetheart, and they have two daughters and two grandchildren.

Daughter DeAnn is a graduate of biosystems engineering from Auburn University and is married to Neil Grantham. They have a five-year daughter, Parish, and reside in Elba.

Daughter Alison is a graduate of the College of Business from Troy University and is married to Zach Bradley. They have a two-year-old son, Asher, and reside in Troy, Ala.

Dennis and Jan reside on a farm in north Elba. From his farm, Smith said he enjoys watching coach Dabo Swinney lead the Clemson Tigers to National Championships.

This year is the 27th Wiregrass Sports Hall of Fame induction, and Smith is one of six people being inducted this year. The ceremony will be at 7 p.m. on June 29, at the Wiregrass Rehabilitation Center.

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